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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for the patent application identified above entitled ANTI-INFECTIVE AGENTS are the following:

- 1. Information Disclosure Statement;
- 2. Form PTO 1449, in duplicate;
- 3. Reference as cited on PTO 1449 (15 reference); and
- 4. Return Receipt Postcard.

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed, to the knowledge of the undersigned, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Applicants respectfully petition and request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence such consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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